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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE [?]

REGISTRAN OF VOTERS

This Rebuttal to Argument Against Measure [?] was submitted pursuant to Section 9317 of the California Elections Code. It is the opinion of the author(s), and has been printed exactly as submitted.

Vote YES on Measure [?] to REMOVE THE UNFAIR FIRE TAX

Our opponents use hysteria coupled with hostility to make arguments.

The arguments are *hysteric* because:

- If elected leadership were simply to exercise budgetary discipline none of the "gloom and doom" predictions need happen. A simple across the board budgetary reprogramming would head off a crisis. No change to life-saving services, no reduction in ambulance response times, no closed fire stations.
- There is sufficient funding *already contained* in San Bernardino County's \$8.8 *billion* dollar budget. The Board of Supervisors can simply reprogram 0.5% of the budget, which is what they did before sticking us with this tax, and problem solved!
- Residents of the county's unincorporated areas know by experience fire insurance is increasing and they are still paying the tax! This increase is a function of the State's relationship with the insurance industry and has nothing to do with the FP-5 tax.

Our opponents are *hostile* to the democratic process because:

- The FP-5 Special Tax was *never approved* by two-thirds of the voters as required by state law.
- When a majority of voters repealed the tax in 2022 the Board of Supervisors sued to *overturn your vote!*

Let's be honest, the FP-5 Tax is simply a racket to force residents of one of the poorest counties in the state to fund one of the most generous pension plans in the state.

Tax the poor, from behind closed doors, so we get more! This is the guiding principle of the county's political elite.

Vote YES on Measure [?]

- S/ Robert A. Cable, Voter
- S/ David Jarvi, Voter
- S/ Ruth Musser-Lopez, Voter
- S/ Albert Vogler, Voter

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